CAUGHT IN A FIRE

One Hundred and Thirty Persons Are Injured

WHILE AT THE DEVIL'S AUCTION

Which Was About to Be Produced in a Philadelphia Theater-Much Property Is Destroyed.

PHILAD RIPHIA, April 28 .- The Cenral theater, Times annex to Taggert's Times building, Poulson's restaurant and several other buildings were burned to the ground last evening. The rear of P. I. Wanamaker's store at No. 822 Chestnut street was burning at 10 o'clock. The "Devil's Auction" was being played at the Central theater and when the curtain was just about to be rung up, an alarm of fire was given. A ensued, and 130 persons are reported injured, but none are reported killed. One hundred of the injured were taken to the Pennsylvania hos-pital and thirty to the Jefferson hos-

The Times' loss is from \$300,000 to \$350,000; insured for two-thirds. This does not include the loss to tenants of the Times annex building. At this hour, (1 a. m.,) a careful estimate places the entire loss at over \$1,000,000 and it is said the insurance will not reach \$400,000. The fire was caused by the sky scenery swinging against a border light in the flies of Gilmorse's Central theater stage. The inflammable scenery caught like could be given the stage was a mass of fire. It happened just before the cor-tain was about to rise and the balf-dressed chorus girls and actors had to fly for their fives, losing everything except what they had on at the time, and many had narrow escapes.

HE WOULD RATHER DIE. Charles Hartwick Cuts His Throat to

Avoid the Poorhouse. CHICAGO, April 27,-Rather than suffer the shame of being sent to the poorhouse Charles Hartwick cut his throat from ear to ear with a razor at No. 114 Bissel street this morning. Seventy years, however, had enfeebled the strength of his hand, and the blade did not do its work as surely as he intended. He was taken to the Alexian Brothers' hospital, where he may pos-sibly recover. The story is a sad coun-terpart of so many which happen in a terpart of so many which happen in a city like Chicago. Five years ago Hartwick came from Germany to join his only son, who lived in Chicago. The son earned good wages and was glad to support his old father in his declining years. Soon, however, the son's wife sickened and died, then the boy was taken sick and died, then the boy taken sick and died siso. father, nearly 70 years old, was left in a strange land, homeless, friendless and without any means of support. For more than a year the poor old gentle-man barely existed, going sometimes for two days without food.

SHE WON'T SAVE HIS NECK. A Murderer's Wife Refuses to Aid Him, But Asks for Divorce.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 27 .- Mrs. Porter Stocks has filed here a petition for divorce from her husband, a nuphew of the noted revivalist, Sam P. Jones. She is the daughter of Z. A. Rice and had a dowry of \$20,000. Stocks led a wild life, but never succeeded Is making an inroad upon his wife's fortune. She was spending the winter in Florida when she was prostrated by learning that her husband in Atlanta had shot and killed Alfred Cassin. Her mothern-law went down to see her; so did her other and sister. It was only through er money that competent legal coun-pel could be retained to defend Stocks. Her reply is not an offer of her purse, but a suit for absolute divorce, crue treatment being the cause assigned. Stocks, who is in jail, complains that his wife's relations have turned her

RAILROAD MEN INDICTED.

For Violations of the Inter-State Commerce Law in Kansas.

Toreka, Kan., April 27 .- A grand jury returned seventy-five indictments at 2 o'clock today, among the number were indictments against the following officers of the Union Pacific Railway company for violating the inter-state commerce law: C. S. Mellen, formerly general traffic manager, but now with the New York & New England; J. A. Munros and B. Campbell, assistant general traffic managers; J. G. Woodworth, general freight agent, and S. Barr, station agent at Salina. Two distinct indictments were returned against the officials of the road and one against the station agent at Selina.

AFLOAT IN THE SLIP.

Body of An Unknown Found in the Gas House Slip.

Curcago, April 27,-The body of an onknown man, somewhat decomposed, was found this morning by the Canalport avenue police in the slip near the gas house at Center avenue and Twenty-sixth street. It was that of a man about forty years old, five feet six mohes in height. Sixty-three cents and a pocket knife were found in the pockets. The name "Wall" was found on the linen, and the appearance of the body would indicate that the man was a sailor or laborer and had walked or failen into the run. The body was taken to the county morgue.

PALMER GOT ALL HE ASKED, But Not as Much as His Priends Expected to Give.

Sentagerato, Ill., April 27 .- When the democratic convention reassembled at 4:00 p. m., the committee on permaneut organization made its report which made Jayton E. Crafts, Chicago, permanent chairman. After Grafts fight for adjournment was made and nomination for state offices was made. Judge J. P. Aitgeld, Chicago, received the nomination for governor on the first bellot. His opponents, Gen. John Risck and Judge Andrew Hunter, were placated by no minutes for conton decuters of majority of the delegates and to pro-

sent the name of John M. Palmer to the national convention as the presidential candidate of lilinois in case it shall appear that a man west of the Allegheny mountainaghs to be made the candidate of democracy and to use all honorable means to secure the nomination. The administration of President Cleveland was endorsed in enthusiant terms. The resolutions are a compromise and both the Cleveland and Palmer men claim the victory. Palmer got what he asked for, but not what his followers expect to give him.

Joseph B. Gill of Murphysboro, was nominated for lieutenant-governor. At 10-40 p. m. the convention completed its labors and adjourned sine die.

LABORERS HAVE A RIOT.

They Demand Tewnty-Five Cents a Day Advance, and Trouble Ensues.

CRICAGO, April 27.—Forty or fifty laborers employed on a building in course of erection at Forty-third street and Lake avenue went on a strike this morning to obtain from the contractors, Siebold & Alike, an advance for siebold & Alike, an advance for the contractors, Siebold & Alike, an advance from the contractors.

morning to obtain from the contractors, Sieboldt & Alike, an advance from \$1.75 to \$2 a day. The contractors refused to meet the demand and the laborers went out. In the meantime all the bricklayers who have been employed on the building had gathered to go to work, but were unable to begin because there were no laborers. They wanted pay for the morning's work which the contractors refused. Mr. Altke telegraphed the president of the bricklayers' union, and was instructed to pay the bricklayers for Monday's and Tuesday's work only. This the bricklayers refused to take until the president of the union should arrive. The laborers crowded around, and some lively times followed. In the heat of the trouble Henry Berger, a laborer, was arrested for creating a dis-

FORAKER WILL FIGHT.

He Purposes to Go On the Floor of the

Ohio Convention Today for Himself. CLEVELAND, O., April 27 .- Late tonight Governor Foraker and his lieutenants decided to go in for three delegates to Minneapolis and to make a fight on the floor of the convention tomorrow. The Foraker ticket will be Foraker himself, General Bushneil and Gen. W. H. Gibson. The state com-mittee effected a Sherman organization tonight by electing F. N. Pusell of Hocking county chairman. There will eight planks in the platform of regular republican stripe. The committee on permanent organization tonight selected Governor McKinley for per-manent chairman and J. R. Mallory, clerk of the house of representatives, as secretary. The Foraker members of the committeee failed to put in appear-

MEDICINE MAN AND MINISTER.

'Frisco Preachers and Creditors Mourn Cherokee's Departure.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27 .- The Rev. Felix Mayes, a Cherokee chief, who is an ordained Baptist preacher, has departed eastward leaving an army of creditors mourning. Mayes spoke here before the Christian association and in churches and never failed to take up collections for Christian work among his tribe. He borrowed sums from all the preachers.

He claimed to have seen Custer fall and gave a graphic description of the fight. Mayes secured several aundred dollars from colored people by claiming to be a medicine man who could cure every known disease.

This Man Married Twins.

TRENTON, Utah, April 27 .- The United States marshal arrested a Mormon named Butler on the charge of polygamy. Mr. Butler had two wives, but they were twins, and he was married to It is customary to hold the superfluous wife under bond to appear as a witness but in this case the marshal was at a loss to determine which wife was the legitimate one. The wife at whose house Butler was arrested was finally settled upon.

Bullet-Proof Skull.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., April 27 .- John Bentley, proprietor of a billiard hall, is in juil charged with attempted mur-der. He had some words with John Keith, a negro, and when Keith walked into his biliard room ordered him out. Keith turned to leave with a muttered insult, whereupon Bentley shot him. The negro fell, but the builet had flattened against his skull, the hardness of which saved his life.

Favors the English System.

BRUSSELS, April 27 .- The chamber of representatives yesterday discussed the proposition to revise the constitution. Premier Beernaer made a long speech in which he declared himself in favor of the English system of householder and revolutionary party, which, he said, demanded universal suffrage as a means to realize its pernicious pro-

Death of Baron Castlemaine.

LONDON, April 27 .- Baron Castlemaine died today. He was born July 25, 1826, and succeeded his father, the third baron, on July 4, 1869. He will be succeeded by his eldest son, the Hon. Albert Edward Hancock.

Buried in a Landslide.

Des Moixes, Ia., April 27 .- A landslide occurred in a brickyard here this afternoon. Over twenty-five laborers were buried beneath tons of earth. Iwo men are reported killed and several minred.

Fatal Fall From a Car.

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., April 27 .- Near Neelyville yesterday, two men named Soland and Wikinson fell from a logging railroad car, the former being killed and the latter fatally hirt.

A Suspect Arrested. Pams, April 27.- Iwo anarchists named La Payre and Francois, have been arrested in this city. Francois is suspected of being concerned in the ex-plosion at the cafe of M. Very.

Punjahment for an Inhuman Captain. Lornon, April 27 .- The captain of the back Petrel has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for leaving a sea-man to drown after falling overboard off the coast of Ireland.

Bunkeer O'Brien Caught. Urnea, N. Y., April 27 .- It is rumored

that O firsen, the escaped bunks steer-er, has been captured by Chief of Police Ingwell in a loft of a barn in West

was escorted to the park by Troop A of the national guard. In the carriages were President Harrison, Mrs. Grant, members of her family, Secretaries Foster, Rusk and Elkins, Postmaster General Wansmaker, and many other distinguished guests.

The Ceremonies. "Hail to the Chief" was the music rendered by the United States band as the carriages reached the tomb. Rev. Hall offered prayer and Horace Porter, president of the Grant Monumental association, delivered an address on the work of that organization. Wine mortar was placed around the corner-stone with a gold trowel and the stone was lowered into position. In the box placed in the stone was a copy of the constitution of the United States, declaration of independence, articles of confederation, the Bible, Memoirs of Gen. Grant, Memorial day pamphlet May 30 and 31, 1886, a copy of Mayor Grant's proclamation regarding the Grant monument, a new American flag, medals and coins from the United States mint, and various illustrated and daily

The Addresses

President Harrison then briefly addressed the assemblage, after which the band played a selection of national

Chauncey M. Depew was introduced as the orator of the occasion. A synop-

sis of his remarks follows: The memory of our heroes, our patriots and our men of genius is one of the strongest of the bonds which hold together our union and per-primate our power. But the altars, upon which the fires of patriotism are ever burning are north, south, east and west. Washington is at Mount Vernon, Lincoln at Springfield, Grant at New York, Sherman at St. Louis and Jackson at the York, Sherman at St. Louis and Jackson at the Hermitage. Jefferson in at Monticello and Adams at Quincy. Irving rests among the scenes immortalized by his pen at Sleepy Hollow, and Lougfellow amidst the inspirations of his muse at Cambridge. Every state cherishes the remains of its citizens, whose illustrious achievements are the glory of the country and the pride of their commonwealth, whose works and lives are ever living lessons of love and devotion to the flag and constitution of the United States.

A Sacred Trust.

New York, in accepting this bequest of Gen Grant, has assumed a sacred trust. Upon no municipality and its citizens was ever devolved a more solemn duty. From the tenderest motives he took from the national government the task which it would most loyally and lovingly have performed and intrusted it to this great city. The whole country are enlisted in the army of reverence and sorrow, but he appointed New York the guard of honor. Let the monument which will rise upon this corner stone be worthy of the magnitude of the metropolis and the grandeur of the subject. Gen. Grant needs worthy of the subject. Gen. Grant needs the grandeur of the subject. Gen. Grant needs no stately shaft or massive pile to perpetuate his memory. The republic is his monument, and its history during what must always be its most critical and interesting period will be the story of his deeds. But this memorial will con-tinue for coming generations an object lesson, teaching the inestimable value of the federal union and the limitless range of American op-

The speaker dwelt upon the fact that Grant, as well as most of the other great men of this country, had been s poor man and draws from this a lesson for those who belong to the "school of despair." "The secret of good citizen-ship and earnest effort," he said, "is to be contented, but never satisfied."

Mr. Depew reviewed in eloquent, even poetical periods, the usual traits of character of the great leader as observed in his domestic life, in his career as a military leader, and subsequently as a statesman. His greatness, he said, was the product of an emergency. He continued:

The schools cannot create heroes. They train and discipline faculties which only opportunity can reveal whether they are the gifts of a great commander. We have learned confidently to rely upon the man appearing when the emer-gency demands him. But uptil then he stands in the rgar ranks.

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene, The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear; Full many a flower is born to blush unseen And waste its sweetness on the desert air.

Full many a flower is born to blush unseen.

And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

It is the paradox of preparation for the mastery of great events, that those who have been most conspicuously in control of the government, or the army, have rarely been equal to the demands of revolution or rebeilton. Von Moitke is aimost alone among eminent soldiers in having exhibited in youth the promise so gloriously fulfilled in his prime. Casar was a disalpated dandy. Wellington was a dull boy. The only record of Napoleon at St. Gyr beyond the average was that he was "very healthy." Grant preferred farming to the army, and entered West Point with rejuctance. Standing near the middle of his class, he neither secured the attention of those above, nor aroused the enry of the eadets below him in scholarship. Neither instructors nor fellow-students saw in the sergeant, reduced to the ranks, the germs of the Sret strategiat of his time. As mighty convisions of nature break channels, and bring sources of supply to subterranean streams converted by the earthquake into great rivers, so the reserve powers and latent forces of some men are brought into action only by the gravest exponsibilities and grantest crises. Seward, Chase and Summer were the leaders of the dominant opinion of their period. They possessed integens in a prevention of their profession of the dominant opinion of their period. They possessed in a great sepator and, a greater foretra minister. He has had few equals as a diplomaziet since Taileyrand. Chase possessed rate podement, and a creative intelligence of the highest order. Some as a great sepator and, a greater foretra minister. He has had few equals as a diplomaziet since Taileyrand. Chase possessed rate podement, and a creative intelligence of the highest order. Some after the calm retourned of the present despite of superior and emotions for human afterly seen that either a fitted would have powed a tragical follure in the learful perils and terrible orders. Some of the present despite of the present

Gen Les in terms of highest praise. Said he: "It neither detracts from his fame nor impairs the estimate of this consummate soldler that he was leaten

by Grant. Great as he was, he had met a greater."

An Independent Compander.

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Rev. John Hall pronounced the bene diction, and the services ended by the firing of a salute of twenty-one guns from the United States steamer Miantonomah. stationed in the Hudson.

ST. PAUL BANK CLOSED.

The Commercial Forced to Suspend Business Yesterday Morning.

Sr. Paul, April 27 .- The Commercial bank of this city closed its doors at 11:30 this morning. A notice on the door says that it has been found necessary to suspend for the present and that efforts are now being made to pay all depositors tomorrow. There was quite a run on the bank during the forenoon hour until the door closed. The directory of the bank is nearly the same as that of the St. Paul German Fire Insurance company, which reman Accident Insurance company, whose charter was rescinded in Kansas a few days ago and again reissued.
Albert Schaffer, president of the Commercial bank, is confined to his home by illness, and William Hamm, vice president, and Herman Schaeffer, cashier, have not yet been found. The cause of the suspension is attributed to lusses experienced by the German Fire

Insurance company.
Insurance Commissioner McBride of Kansas is in the city, and in company with Insurance Commissioner Smith of Minnesota called on the St. Paul German accident Insurance company this morning with a view to further inquir-None of the officers is in the city to-day, however, but S-cretary Sabin is expected home from Kansas City in the morning. It is now reported that the affairs of the Accident Insurance corapany are not in the best of shape.

COAL TO BE ADVANCED. Its Price Now Below the Cost of Production, Says A. McLeod.

NEW YORK, April 27 .- In a published interview A. McLeod, president of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company, is credited with saying that an on the scaffold, in which he claimed advance in coal prices will be made at that he killed Connelly in self-defense. tomorrow's meeting of the coal sales agents. This advance will be no more than is customary at this season. He states that prices are now at some points below the actual cost of production, and that in order to remedy this unnatural and improper condition of the coal trade the principal mining and transportation companies have come together and propose to supplant a spirit of undue and perhaps friendly competition by harmonious action and endeavor to establish and maintain fair and equal rates at all points. When asked if it was true that the thousands of train bands and mechinists had been thrown out of employment by the recent Reading deal, Mr. McLeod said that the statements published had been greatly exaggerated. "The restriction of production common to this season of year, when there is little demand for coal," he said, "means fewer trains."

REJECTED WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE. The House of Commons Votes to Down the Bill by 152 to 175.

LONDON, April 27 .- The house of commons this afternoon rejected the woman suffrage bill by a vote of 152 to 175. Mr. Balfour voted for the bill. Mr. Giadstone came up this morning to be present at the debate. Sir Albert several bottles of booze. When he rebe present at the debate. Sir Albert Rollit is the author of the bill, worch gives the suffrage only to unmarried women. It was not a party measure. The whip against it was signed by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Lord George Hamilton, Mr. Chaplin, Sr William Harcourt, Mr. Chamberlain, Messrs. Labouchere and Picton Carew for the Parneilites, and Sir Thomas Esmonde for the anti-Parneilites. The whip in favor of the bill was signed by Sir gernon Borthwick, Sir Edwin Watkin, Dr. Cameron, Sir Wilfred Lawson, Mr. McLeran and others. Mr. Gladstone's pamphlet against woman's suffrage greatly added to the public interest on

the subject. Ewer Went to Lunch. New York, April 27 .- Ferdinand C. Ewer, a trusted clerk for many years with the Corbin Banking company, which is controlled by Austin Corbin, is reported missing. Saturday he took from the company's safe a package of money containing an amount variously estimated at from \$12,000 to \$20,000. said he was going to lunch and did not return. Neither has he been at his pretty home at Morris, Long Island, where he lived with his wife and children. Ewer, it is said, has been betting heavily on horse races. This weakness was known to the bank officials and they had frequently warned him to desist.

Big Electric Trust.

PHILADELPHIA, April 27 .- An electric trust, having for its object the control of the trolley overhead wire railway systems, the electric lighting system and, in fact, the general electric business of the country, has been formed by the consolidation of the Edison.

Thompson-Houston and Fort Wayne companies. The trust is capitalized at \$50,000,000 and has its headquarters in New York.

Another Application for Deeming.

MELBOURSE, April 27 .- Mr. Lyle, ounsel for the murderer, Deeming, to day made another application for a further postpooment of the trial. The judge said he felt that his responsibility was one of life or death and he would defer his decision on the application until tomorrow in order to hear

the Custodian of the Place.

Mrs. Clara J. Denton, custodian of the reference library is of the opinion that the public does most decidedly appreciate the opening of the rooms on Sunday. "The attendance for the three Sundays we have been open has aggregated eighty-three persons, which means an average of nearly thirty each time," she said, "and when you consider that it is not yet generally known among the people for whom the Sunday opening is especially decigned, I think this attendance very satisfactory. Our average daily attendance for the month of March was 107. The attendance is constantly increasing, the increase so far having been over 100 a crease so far baving been over 100 a month. As the warm weather approaches, however, we shall nave lewer callers as people find a deal to study in the woods and parks. I note a marked difference in the class of readers here Sundays. Week days one sees students and teachers from pub-lic schools, ladies and the clergy, while on Sunday, as is natural, the workingmen and those who live in boarding houses are here. The busiest hour in the day is from 4 o'clock on, when the room is frequently so full o' students as to be uncomfortable.

More Room Is Needed.

"The fact is we need more room badly, both for books and readers. There are some 4000 volumes now on the shelves and the space is far from adequate for that number. I find that there is much very sound and studious work done here, and I feel that it should be aided in every way possible. The library is said to have the best lot of bound periodicals of any library in the state. Beside the standard American magazines we get the best English and Scotch reviews. It is very seldom that the frequenters of the room show any disposition to make it a trysting place, aithough there are a few young men and women who for a while held con-versations in audible whispers here. But the significant coughs of other readers soon warned them away. In fact I find the great public a very con-siderate and dome body, with no draposition to needlessly interfers with the

comforts of other people."

W. M. Clark, a student in the west side high school, has charge of the reference library Sundays.

Sheppard Busby Hanged.

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 27 .- Sheppard Busby was executed at 10 o'clock this morning. He made a long speech on the scaffold, in which he claimed A balf dozen women witnessed the execution. Busby shot and killed Deputy Marshal Bernard Connelly while the latter was attempting to arrest Busby for a number of petty crimes.

Goodwin Divorce Case.

New York, April 27 .- The suit of Nellie K. Goodwin against "Nat" C. Goodwin for a limited divorce has been settled. The conditions of the settlement were not made public. It is reto accept \$20,000 and release her husband from all future claims.

OLE WAS NEATLY TOUCHED. A Gang of Hobos "Do" Him Up in an

Artistic Manner.

Ole Nelson recently embarked in the saloon business. He bought out Ten Rea, at the corner of Indiana and Watson streets. This is the joint where Detective Jones of Ionis shot one of the "hebos" in the head last summer. Several times each week Nelson finds it necessary to call the patrol wagen to quell outbreaks a nong turned they began spending the money over the bar and were fast acquiring cheap jags when Nelson discovered his loss. He at ouce rushed to the front door, pulled the key out of his pocket, slipped outside, and locked the "hobos" in telling them that he was going for the police. He got the police, but when they arrived the gang, and likewise considerable of Nelson's stock in trade, had disappeared. No captures were made.

PLUMBERS STILL OUT.

Three Firms Have Acceded to the Demands of the Union.

The condition of the plumbers' strike was unchanged yesterday. The men are still out, with no signs of a settlement. The employing plumbers still hold out against ten hours' pay for nine hours' work.

So far three firms have acceded to

the demands of the union and signed the necessary agreement. They are Barnett & Richards, Vander Veen & Witman and Charles Timis. These firms have never been represented in the Master Plumbers' association. The larger firms, Weatherly & Pulte and Sproul & McGurrin, are willing, it is said, to sign an agreement, providing the clauses asking for ten hours' pay for nine hours' work, and demanding that all expenses be paid while work-ing out of the city are stricken out. This the plumbers refuse to do and say they can't hang out as long as can the master plumbers. At present there are no large jobs lying idle in consequence of the strike, but there soon will be. The plumbers say their movement is authorized by the international body and that there is a strike fund provided. The strike in this city is the only one on at present, which puts only one on at present, which puts them in a position to make a strong

DOES LOTS OF GOOD

The Sunday Opening of the Library Appreciated

BY THE WORKING CLASSES

Who Have No Other Time in Which to Visit It—Interesting Chat With the Custodian of the Place.

wires to our wires."
"Will Grand Rapids be connected with the New York-Chicago wire?" "It is rather early to answer that question. I have little doubt, however, that we shall soon be able to transact business in this city by wo to from with our friends in New York or Chicago."

ARCHITECTURAL INHARMONY. The City Hall Engineers Discuss the Court House.

The architecture of the new county building is a constant source of argument and spectulation to the occupants of the city enveyor's office, the windows of which overlook the structure. They claim that it is constructed with no apparent attention to the rules of consciency, as the architect would interpret them. They say that the building represents no distinct savie or opening architecture, that it is neither Italian broad or French medieval, that the center tower mentirely out of proportion to the 10-1 of the structure, that the building itself is too low for its height, and that there is too much roof, so ! before they finish point out a score of martistic details that would never attract the attention of the nolettered in art. These critics claim that public buildings should be designed with a view to educating people to recognise that it represents some period or side of architecture, and that this can never be done when square and arched win-dows, towers of one age and roofs of another are thrown together in one

STONIGHT'S PYTHIAN BANQUET. All Arrangements Completed for a

Enjoyable Affair. The focal lodges of Knights of Pythins have completed arrangements for giving the complimentary dinuer to Grand Conncellor W. H. Loomis at the New Livingston this evening. In affair will be a delightful one, as much interest has been taken in the pre-liminary work. The Hon. Sylvani Wesselus will not as teast master, and several bright speakers will respond to toasts. The following officers of the Grand lodge bave arguined their intention to be present: Superme Represent arives E. T. Bennett of Bay City, one P. T. Coigrove of Hastings, Grand Vice Chanceller George S. Peynolds of Saginaw, Grand Keeper o. Records J. W. Hopkins of Lansing, Grand Outer Guard E. F. Wordcock of Nice Besides these, other knights from different parts of the state are expected to be present. The supper will be served at 9 o'clook.

DRAINING THE WELLS.

The Hall Street Sawer is Deep Enoug

on Division Street. The large sewer that is now hear; constructed in Hall erect extends to such a depth near South Division stree that the water supply has been tapped and the wells are dramed. This is con-adered to be a benefit by some as i will be necessary to sink the wells o that locative to a greater depth in order to get a new supply. Many of the wells are not deeper than tener fifteen feet and the materie liable to become contaminated with surface drainage. The street car tracks have teen taken up just cost of South Diare taken via the Lafayette street have in order to much the Hall street barn.

GOING TO LANSING.

A Large Body of Masons Will Vesit the State Capital Today.

About 140 members of the Masquic fraternity and several members of the order of Eastern Sine expect to leave at 1 o'clock today over the Michigan Centoday over the Michigan Central road for Lansing, where they will be the guests of the Lansing lodge this evening. Grand Lecturer Clark will hold a lodge of instruction in Representative hall, and the accompanying ladies of the Esstern Star will es-emplify the work for their sisters of Arbertus chapters. An enjoyable time is expected, the ladies having been drilling for the event.

Jolly Eleven Boating Club.

The Jolly Eleven Boating club, which was organized some time ago, let the contract yesterday for the erection of a beat house just south of the rier at Barrett's landing. The new steamer is marly completed and so soon as the engine arrives from Boston the little craft will be ready to launch on the river. The members of the clob and their wives expect to take their initial excursion down the river Sunday,

Proud of a Colt. Nathaniel Rice, secretary of the

Kent, Allegan and Ottawa Insurance company, was rejoicing yesterday over the fact that his Belmont Maid, etapdard bred and registered mare, had presented him with a foal, aired by Eairlawn Medium. The colt was wel-formed and is doing mostly.

Tipped Over the Lamp.

At No. 9 Bibley street, a lamp tipped over about 7 o'clock last night, setting fire to the curtains. Sylvester Oicheed occupies the bouse. An alarm was turned in from box No. 72 and the department put out the blaze before it had done much damage.

City Hall House Cleaning.

Spring house cleaning is in progress, at the council chambers and is of a very thorough character. "They're clean-ing out the very dust left by the feet of 'the gang,'" and Alderman O'Donnell, plaintively.

Yesterday's Base Ball Games

CROWDING THE EXCHANGE.

Orders for Telephones Multiplying Rapidly.

"The growth of the telephone service in Grand Rapids has been very remarkable," says Manager Berry of the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to be local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to be local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to be local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to be local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to be local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to be leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to be leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to be leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to be leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to the leading to the leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to the leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been receiving as leading to the leading to the leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been received to the leading to the leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been received to the leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been received to the leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been received to the leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for Tax Harals, "I have been received to the leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for the land of the leaded by the local exchange to a reporter for the land of the leaded by the land of the leaded by the leaded by the land of the leaded by